

RWANDA CLIMATE SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2026

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22 - 23 September 2026



Kigali, Rwanda

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

Kigali Time	Plenary	Breakout Room I	Breakout Room II
08:30-09:00	ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION		
09:00-09:30	High-Level Opening Ceremony - Silvia Heer, Head of Cooperation, German Embassy Kigali - Fidèle Bingwa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment Introduction to the Symposium - Kora Rösler, Advisor, GIZ Rwanda		
09:30-10:00	Rwanda Climate Science Network (RCSN): Membership, Achievements, Next Steps Presenters - Jean Pierre Nizeyimana, Green Economy Specialist, Ministry of Environment - Olivier Niyompuhwe, Advisor, GIZ Rwanda - Janet Umuhoza, Advisor, GIZ Rwanda		
10:00-11:00	High-Level Panel Discussion Climate Intelligence for a Climate-Resilient Rwanda: From Science and Evidence to NAP Implementation Panelists: - PS Fidèle Bingwa, Ministry of Environment - PS Jean Marie Vianney Ndayizigiye, Ministry of Health - Eng. Maximilien Byilingiro, CEO, Rwanda Energy Group - Roger Mizero, Chief Technology Officer, Rwanda Information Society Authority - Mohamed Aw-Dahir, Representative, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Fatmata Lovetta Sesay, Resident Representative, UNDP Rwanda Q&A - Feedback from the Audience Moderator: Liliane Mupende, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)		
11:00-11:10	GROUP PHOTO WITH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES		
11:10-11:25	COFFEE BREAK		
11:25-11:55	Presentation I Role of Satellites Observations and Weather Modelling Forecast for Climate Decision & Policy Making Speaker: Dr. Didier Ntwali, Division Manager of Earth & Space Sciences, Rwanda Space Agency		
11:55-12:25	Presentation II Climate Science for Resilient Development: Rwanda, Africa and Global Perspectives Speaker: Prof. Cecil Naphtaly Moro Ouma, AIMS Research & Innovation Center		
12:25-12:45	Q&A - Feedback from the Audience		
12:45-14:15	LUNCH		
14:15-15:30	STREAM A Agriculture & Food Systems 5 presentations - 15 min each Host: Jean Bosco Mulindi, Division Manager of Emerging Commodities, NAEB	STREAM B Climate Data & Monitoring Systems 5 presentations - 15 min each Host: Dr. Ndakize Joseph Sebaziga, REMA	STREAM C Urbanization, Infrastructure & Energy 5 presentations - 15 min each Host: Dr. Victoire (Vicky) Ghafi Kondi-Akara, AIMS RIC
15:30-15:45	COFFEE BREAK		
15:45-16:00	Key highlights from research stream presentations (5 min/session host)		
16:00-16:45	Presentation of the Updated Rwanda Climate Change Forum Onesphore Nduwimana, Research and Development Officer, REMA		
16:45-17:00	CLOSING OF DAY 1		

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DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

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08:30–09:00	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS		
09:00–09:15	Welcome (Recap of Day 1 & Introduction to Day 2) – Dr. Victoire (Vicky) Ghafi Kondi-Akara, AIMS RIC		
09:15–09:45	Presentation III Accelerating Climate Innovation and Scientific Collaboration for Sustainable Development Dr. Louis Sibomana, Head of Science, Technology Development and Outreach (STDO), NCST		
09:45–10:15	Rwanda's Future Population Exposure to Record-Breaking Climate Extremes Dr. Vedaste Iyakaremye, Meteo Rwanda	COSMOS Project & Global South Climate Database Presentation (virtual) Ayesha Tandon, Carbon Brief	Designing Global Carbon Markets under Article 6 of the UNFCCC: A climate-smart carbon trading mechanism for African states (virtual) Prof. Dr. Christian Henning, Chief Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063
10:15–10:30	COFFEE BREAK		
10:30–11:30	Panel Discussion Anticipating Climate Extremes: Turning Science, Data and Early Warnings into Action Panelists: • DDG Faustin Munyazikwiye, Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) • Director Misbah Gashegu, RBC One Health Unit, Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) • DG Dr. Emmanuel Rukundo, Rwanda Water Resources Board (RWB) • Ag. DG Dr. Florence Uwamahoro, Rwanda Agriculture & Animal Resources Development Board • Dr. Getaw Tadesse, Director of Policy Intelligence, AKADEMIYA2063 Q&A – Feedback from the Audience Moderator: Henry Wykes, European Union		
11:30–12:00	Spotlight Session: Three National Climate Studies produced jointly by Meteo Rwanda, AIMS, PIK and GIZ (Plenary) Presenters • Dr. Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla, AIMS RIC • Délice Izere, AIMS RIC		
12:00–12:45	Poster Presentations (All Research Streams)		
12:45–14:15	LUNCH		
14:15–15:45	STREAM D Nature-Based Solutions & Ecosystems 5 presentations – 15 min each Host: Alexis Nizeyimana, Environmental Research and Information Specialist, REMA	STREAM E Health – Climate Nexus 5 presentations – 15 min each Host: Christa Ishimwe, Climate & Health Lead, Ministry of Health	
15:45–16:00	Key highlights from research stream presentations (5 min/session host)		
16:00–16:30	IPCC Process & Rwanda's Role: Scientific and Governmental Perspectives • Dr. Christiane Textor, German IPCC Coordination Office, DLR PT • Dr. Mouhamadou Bamba Sylla, AIMS RIC		
16:30–16:45	THANK YOU TO THE SCIENTIFIC REVIEWERS & ABSTRACT PRESENTERS		
16:45–17:00	Closing Ceremony – Closing Remarks • DG Aimable Gahigi, Meteo Rwanda		
17:00–18:00	CLOSING GET-TOGETHER WITH REFRESHMENTS		